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LENGTH AND COMPLEXITY OF THIS MESSAGE REQUIRES THAT IT
BE TRANSMITTED IN FIVE SEPARATE PARTS. THIS IS PART 4.
THE AREA OVER WHICH THE BONN POST HAS JURISDICTION FOR
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE MATTERS.

THE PRIORITIES OF THE BONN POST ARE SET BY THE DIRECTOR
OF INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS, WASHINGTON, D.C. THE
EMPHASIS PLACED UPON EACH OF THE MAJOR FUNCTIONS PER-
FORMED BY THE BONN POST SHIFT FROM TIME TO TIME, DEPEND-
ENT UPON CURRENT NEEDS AND DIRECTIONS FROM MY SUPERIORS.

AT ONE MEETING I ATTENDED, CONCERNING THE ABOVE SUBJECT,
EMBASSY OFFICIALS SUGGESTED THE ATTACHED AGENCIES CON-
SIDER PERFORMING MORE OF THEIR WORK THROUGH TDY DETAILS.
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I DOUBT IF ANY ATTACHED AGENCY HAS ADHERED TO THIS
PRACTICE TO THE DEGREE THAT IRS HAS. THE IRS BONN POST
REALIZES APPROXIMATELY SEVEN AND ONE HALF PERSON-YEARS,
FOUR THROUGH PERMANENT ASSIGNMENTS, AND THREE AND ONE
HALF THROUGH DETAILS OF EMPLOYEES FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.
TO BONN FOR SIX MONTH DETAILS.

I CAN ASSURE YOU THE PRACTICE OF ACCOMPLISHING THE WORK THROUGH DETAILS ARE MUCH MORE COSTLY AND LESS EFFECTIVE THAN THROUGH PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED PERSONNEL. AS YOU KNOW, THE PER DIEM PAID IS AN EXTREMELY COSTLY FACTOR. PROBABLY JUST AS COSTLY, IS THE TRAINING AND BREAK-IN TIME, WITH RESULTING DECREASE IN PRODUCTIVITY, WHEN YOU HAVE SEVEN DETAILEES REPORTING TO THE BONN POST EACH YEAR, FOR A SIX MONTH'S DETAIL.

THE SEVEN AND ONE HALF PERSON-YEARS DEVOTED TO INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE FUNCTIONS IN THE BONN POST AREA IS INADEQUATE TO PROVIDE THE TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE, AUDIT, AND COLLECTION FUNCTIONS AT THE LEVEL WHICH IS MAINTAINED IN THE UNITED STATES.

IN MAKING YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING IRS PERSONNEL PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE BONN POST AREA I SUGGEST YOU CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

1. THE LEVEL OF SERVICE WHICH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SHOULD PROVIDE FOR APPROXIMATELY 1,000,000 U.S. CITIZENS AND RESIDENT ALIENS, BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN.

2. THE DEGREE TO WHICH SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE IRS WOULD HAVE TO BE ABSORBED BY EMPLOYEES IN THE FOUR EMBASSIES AND NUMEROUS CONSULATES OFFICES.
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3. THE FACT THAT THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH U.S. TAX LAWS BY U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS ARE SUBSTANTIAL, AND ESPECIALLY SO WITH THE LOW NUMBER OF INTERNAL REVENUE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED AND DETAILED HERE TO ENCOURAGE COMPLIANCE. I BELIEVE THIS IS A HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT FACTOR WHEN WE CONSIDER THAT THE SALARIES OF ALL OF US DEPEND LARGELY UPON THE SUCCESS OF OUR VOLUNTARY SYSTEM OF TAXATION, WHICH IS ENCOURAGED AND AIDED BY OUR TAX ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES.

COMMENT - THE EMBASSY CONCURS THAT THE EUROPEAN REGIONAL IRS OFFICE AT BONN HAS AN EXCEPTIONALLY IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN SUPPORT OF U.S. GOVERNMENT REVENUE INTERESTS AND CERTAIN OTHER STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS. THE IRS ACTIVITIES, HOWEVER, ARE OF LESSER IMPORTANCE TO THE MISSION'S OBJECTIVES, GOALS AND ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES AS EXPRESSED

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IN BONN REFTEL.

J. TREASURY - CUSTOMS

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY, NOT NECESSARILY INCLUSIVE,
OF THE GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES OF THE OFFICE OF
THE CUSTOMS ATTACHE HERE IN BONN:

1. ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRADE ACT OF
1974 - SINCE FEBRUARY 1975 THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT HAS
BEEN UNDER A MANDATE TO VIGOROUSLY ENFORCE THE ANTI-
DUMPING ACT OF 1921, AS AMENDED BY THE TRADE ACT. THIS
HAS RESULTED IN CONDUCTING DETAILED INVESTIGATIONS BY
THIS OFFICE OF UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES AS ALLEGED BY
UNITED STATES INDUSTRY. FURTHERMORE, THE TRADE ACT HAS
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ENCUMBERED OUR EFFORTS TO CONDUCT THESE INVESTIGATIONS
BY PLACING A STATUTORY TIME LIMIT OF TWO MONTHS ON THE

OVERSEAS PORTION OF THESE INQUIRIES. THIS HAS BECOME ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT IN LIGHT OF THE NUMEROUS CASES REQUIRING DETAILED INVESTIGATION INTO A COMPANY'S COSTS OF PRODUCING A PRODUCT.

THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF WAS QUOTED AT THE TIME OF INCEPTION OF THE CURRENT STEEL CASES AS STATING "..... THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN DERELICT IN ENFORCING THE ANTIDUMPING ACT. I AM CALLING FOR A MORE VIGOROUS AND DETAILED ENFORCEMENT IN FUTURE CASES....."

IN ADDITION TO SEVERAL OTHER DUMPING INQUIRIES INVOLVING VARIOUS COMMODITIES, WE ARE PRESENTLY PERFORMING INVESTIGATIONS ENCOMPASSING THE ENTIRE GERMAN STEEL INDUSTRY, INVOLVING NO LESS THAN 12 MAJOR GERMAN STEEL MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS.

DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, THIS OFFICE HAS CONDUCTED APPROXIMATELY 61 ANTIDUMPING INVESTIGATIONS UNDER THE ACT WHILE, AT THE SAME TIME, ENFORCING NUMEROUS OTHER LAWS MANDATED TO CUSTOMS BY CONGRESS.

2. VALUE INVESTIGATION - THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE IS REQUIRED TO DETERMINE THE VALUE OF ALL MERCHANDISE ENTERING THE UNITED STATES. THE OVERSEAS STAFF MUST CONDUCT ON-SITE REVIEWS OF EXPORTERS' RECORDS IN ORDER TO CONCLUDE THESE CASES.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT, RECENTLY WITH REGARD TO THESE CASES, CHAIRMAN VANIK, HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS - SUB-COMMITTEE ON TRADE, HELD OVERSIGHT HEARINGS ON THIS VERY CONFIDENTIAL

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SUBJECT. THE OUTCOME WAS AN IMPLIED CRITICISM OF CUSTOMS IN NOT DEVOTING THE MANPOWER NECESSARY TO COMPLETE MORE INVESTIGATIONS. AT THE PRESENT TIME, THIS OFFICE HAS FORTY-FIVE OF THESE CASES ON HAND.

3. CURRENCY VIOLATIONS - AN INCREASING AMOUNT OF OUR WORK INVOLVES INVESTIGATIONS INTO VIOLATIONS OF THE U.S. CURRENCY LAWS. WHILE THESE VIOLATIONS ARE NOT, IN THEMSELVES, NECESSARILY COMPLEX, THEY ARE LEADING IN MANY INSTANCES TO INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN MAJOR ILLEGAL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING AND OTHER MAJOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES. IN CONJUNCTION WITH DEA, THIS INFORMATION HAS LED TO A NUMBER OF MAJOR NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT CASES.

4. OTHER ENFORCEMENT - IN ADDITION TO THESE FUNCTIONS, OUR INVESTIGATIVE AND ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE STOLEN AUTOMOBILE SMUGGLING, CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

SMUGGLING, EXPORT CONTROL VIOLATIONS, FRAUD AGAINST THE
CUSTOMS REVENUES, PERSONNEL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS,
AND MANY OTHERS - ALL WHICH REQUIRE OVERSEAS INVOLVEMENT.

MANY OF THE CRIMINAL CASES PROSECUTED IN UNITED STATES
COURTS HAD THEIR ORIGIN AND SUPPORT FROM OUR ACTIVITIES
HERE.

5. OTHER ACTIVITIES - OUR OFFICE FURNISHES INFORMATION
AND FINAL ANSWERS TO THE INQUIRING PUBLIC, EXPORTERS,
MANUFACTURERS, TRAVELLERS, AND COMMERCIAL AND CONSULAR
SECTIONS OF THE U.S. CONSULATES ON A WIDE RANGE OF
IMPORTING AND INVOICING REQUIREMENTS, RESTRICTIONS,
CLASSIFICATION OF MERCHANDISE, RATES OF DUTIES, ETC.

6. REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES - MUCH OF WHAT HAS BEEN
DISCUSSED ABOVE RELATES SOLELY TO ACTIVITIES IN GERMANY.
HOWEVER, THIS OFFICE ALSO HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
SAME TYPES OF CASES IN THIRTEEN COUNTRIES IN NORTHERN
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EUROPE. STATISTICS ON THESE CASES,PARTICULARLY ON
DUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING DUTY ACTIVITIES, ARE AVAILABLE.
EQUALLY IMPORTANT, CUSTOMS-TO-CUSTOMS COOPERATION BETWEEN
OURSELVES AND THESE OTHER CUSTOMS DEPARTMENTS HAS
ENHANCED OUR ABILITY TO CONDUCT A VARIETY OF INVESTIGA-
TIONS UNDER OUR STATUTORY CHARTER.

7. IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH OUR OVERALL RESPONSIBILITIES,
OUR ENTIRE AMERICAN STAFF IS ON CONTINUOUS OVERTIME
STATUS. THE AMERICAN OFFICERS AVERAGE 40 - 50 HOURS OF
OVERTIME PER MONTH. BECAUSE OF THIS INCREASE IN MANHOUR
UTILIZATION, OUR FSL STAFF IS NOT ALWAYS ABLE TO KEEP UP
WITH THE WORK QUANTITY GENERATED BY THE AMERICAN STAFF.
IN SEVERAL INSTANCES WE HAD TO RELY ON ADDITIONAL
CLERICAL OUTSIDE HELP HIRED ON CONTRACTED BASIS.
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IMPORTANCE, HOWEVER, TO THE MISSION'S OBJECTIVES B, D
AND E, AND ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES, AS EXPRESSED IN BONN
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K. TRANSPORTATION (FAA)

THE MAJOR MISSIONS OF THE FAA ARE: TO PROMOTE SAFETY;
INSURE EFFICIENT UTILIZATION OF AIRSPACE; PROMOTE AIR
COMMERCE AND CIVIL AVIATION IN THE U.S. AND ABROAD;
FULFILL NATIONAL DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS; AND ADMINISTER
PROGRAMS EFFECTIVELY AND ECONOMICALLY.

VIRTUALLY EVERY FAA PROGRAM HAS A BEARING ON AVIATION
SAFETY, BUT CERTAIN ONES ARE MORE CRITICAL TO OUR OPERA-
TIONS HERE IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. SAFETY GOALS ARE
PURSUED IN TWO PRINCIPAL WAYS: MINIMIZING THE OCCUR-
RENCE OF AVIATION ACCIDENTS, AND MAXIMIZING THE
SURVIVABILITY OF PASSENGER AND CREW IN SUCH ACCIDENTS AS
DO OCCUR. AGENCY CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED TO
PREVENT ANY BUT COMPETENT AIRMEN AND AIRWORTHY EQUIPMENT
FROM ENTERING INTO AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS. OTHER PROGRAMS

ARE ADDRESSED AT INSURING THE CONTINUAL COMPETENCE OF CERTIFICATED AIRMEN AND CONTINUED AIRWORTHINESS OF CERTIFICATED AIRCRAFT AND AIRCRAFT COMPONENTS. FAA CONSTANTLY SEEKS SAFER PRACTICES, PROCEDURES AND EQUIPMENT THROUGH ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION FLOWING FROM ALL SOURCES.

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HERE IN EUROPE, THE AGENCY ESTABLISHES AND MAINTAINS MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL AND COOPERATIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE AVIATION REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, AIRLINES, AND MANUFACTURERS. FAA CONDUCTS AN ONGOING PROGRAM TO PARTICIPATE AND ASSIST IN EFFORTS RELATIVE TO CURRENT AND FUTURE CIVIL AVIATION PLANS AND CLOSELY MONITOR THE IMPACT UPON U.S. CIVIL AVIATION.

THE MAINTENANCE OF VIABLE INTERNATIONAL MARKETS FOR U.S. MANUFACTURED AIRCRAFT AND COMPONENTS, NAVIGATIONAL AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, AS WELL AS SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES, CONTRIBUTE TO A HEALTHY U.S. CIVIL AVIATION PROGRAM. IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF FAA DUTIES IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC, THE AGENCY REMAINS ALERT TO OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE EXPORT OF U.S. AVIATION COMMODITIES, AND THE ADOPTION OF U.S. SYSTEMS AND TECHNOLOGY. OPPORTUNITIES SO IDENTIFIED BOTH FIRM AND POTENTIAL, ARE REPORTED, EVALUATED AND REFERRED TO APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY COMPONENTS.

A) AVIATION SAFETY

FAA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING SAFETY STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO U.S.-REGISTERED CIVIL AIRCRAFT ENGAGED IN COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE OPERATIONS ABROAD. THIS RESPONSIBILITY IS CARRIED OUT THROUGH FAA PERSONNEL STATIONED BOTH IN THE U.S. AND AT FOREIGN POSTS. THE AGENCY ENSURES THAT AIRCRAFT OF FOREIGN REGISTRY OPERATION IN U.S. AIRSPACE COMPLY WITH U.S. AIR TRAFFIC AND OTHER OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN AIRCRAFT AND AVIATION EQUIPMENT, THE U.S. HAS CONSUMATED BILATERAL AIRWORTHINESS AGREEMENTS PROVIDING FOR VARYING DEGREES OF RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL AIRWORTHINESS STANDARDS AND THEIR ADMINISTRATION. FAA PROVIDES TECHNICAL GUIDANCE IN THE NEGOTIATION OF SUCH AGREEMENTS AND IS

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RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THEIR TECHNICAL PROVISIONS. SIMILARLY, FAA PROVIDES TECHNICAL GUIDANCE IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE DURING NEGOTIATION OF BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES. FINALLY, FAA PARTICIPATES ACTIVELY IN BOTH PLANNING OCEANIC AIRSPACE SYSTEMS, WHICH ENSURE THE SMOOTH FLOW OF AIR TRAFFIC BETWEEN COUNTRIES, AND IN EFFORTS TO RESOLVE MUTUAL SAFETY PROBLEMS WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL AIRSPACE SYSTEM PROVIDER STATES.

B) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

UNDER THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT, INTERNATIONAL AVIATION FACILITY ACT AND THE FEDERAL AVIATION ACT, FAA PROVIDES AVIATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS ON
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A REIMBURSABLE BASIS. THIS ASSISTANCE RELATES TO SURVEYS; STUDIES; SYSTEM PLANNING, INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT; ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF AIRPORT, AIRWAY, AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL FACILITIES; SUPPLY OF REFERENCE MATERIAL; AND TRAINING OF FOREIGN NATIONALS.

IN RECENT YEARS, FAA HAS PROVIDED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES TO SOME SIXTY COUNTRIES, FINANCED BY THE RECIPIENT GOVERNMENTS OR BY THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, THE WORLD BANK, OR THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION.

C) ENHANCEMENT OF AERONAUTICAL EXPORTS

IN PURSUANCE OF ITS STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITY TO PROMOTE CIVIL AVIATION, FAA MAINTAINS CLOSE CONTACT WITH HOST COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS TO IDENTIFY CIVIL AVIATION REQUIREMENTS AND POTENTIAL MARKETS. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND COMMERCE, SUCH INFORMATION IS DISSEMINATED TO U.S. MANUFACTURERS IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THEIR POSITION VIS-A-VIS FOREIGN COMPETITORS. THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING PROGRAMS DESCRIBED ABOVE PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT TO U.S. AERONAUTICAL EXPORTERS THROUGH THE INSTALLATION OF U.S. MANUFACTURED EQUIPMENT AND FAMILIARIZATION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS IN ITS USE. FAA ALSO WORKS WITH WORLD BANK AND THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK TO FACILITATE FUNDING FOR THE FOREIGN PURCHASE OF U.S. AERONAUTICAL EQUIPMENT.

D) SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

FAA HOUSES AND SUPPORTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT OF THE INTERAGENCY GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL AVIATION (IGIA) WHICH

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WAS ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE UNIFIED U.S. POSITIONS FOR U.S. REPRESENTATIVES AND DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND MEETINGS DEALING WITH AVIATION. IGIA IS ALSO USED TO DEVELOP U.S. GOVERNMENT POLICY ON INTERNATIONAL AVIATION MATTERS WHICH AFFECT TWO OR MORE AGENCIES. ITS MEMBERSHIP CONSISTS OF POLICY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, TRANSPORTATION, DEFENSE, AND COMMERCE; THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD (NTSB); THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA); THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC); AND THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD (CAB).

E) SUPPORT OF U.S. FLAG CARRIERS

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THE FAA IS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN DEPARTMENTAL EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS OF U.S. FLAG CARRIERS FROM UNFAIR OR DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT BY FOREIGN AUTHORITIES. THE INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION FAIR COMPETITIVE PRACTICES ACT ASSIGNS TO THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION PARTICULAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR SURVEYING FOREIGN AIRPORT AND AIRWAY USER FEES ASSESSED U.S. AIR CARRIERS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY ARE EXCESSIVE OR OTHERWISE DISCRIMINATORY. IN THE EVENT NEGOTIATIONS FAIL TO SECURE RELIEF FROM UNFAIR PRACTICES, ACTION IS INITIATED TO ASSESS COMPENSATORY CHARGES IN THE U.S. AGAINST THE FLAG CARRIERS OF THE OFFENDING FOREIGN AUTHORITIES.

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F) PARTICIPATION IN AND SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL BODIES

- INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO)
- EUROPEAN CIVIL AVIATION CONFERENCE (ECAC)
- EURO CONTROL
- NATO COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN AIRSPACE COORDINATION (CEAC)
- NATO CIVIL AVIATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (CAPC)
- EUROPEAN CIVIL AVIATION CONFERENCE (ECAC)

COMMENT - THE EMBASSY CONCURS THAT FRANKFURT FAA ACTIVITIES BEAR SOME RELATIONSHIP, THOUGH NOT VITAL, TO MISSION GOALS B, D AND E. IT WOULD APPEAR, HOWEVER, THAT THE OPERATION HAS AN EXCEPTIONALLY IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN SUPPORT OF U.S. GOVERNMENT REGIONAL INTERESTS ABROAD.

MORE IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES (UPPER 90 PERCENT PRIORITY)

A. JUSTICE - LEGAL AND WAR CLAIMS

FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION EUROPEAN OFFICE, MUNICH, GERMANY.

THIS OFFICE ASSISTS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PUBLIC LAW 94-542, APPROVED OCTOBER 18, 1976 AND PROVIDING, INTER ALIA, THAT THE COMMISSION SHALL RECEIVE AND DETERMINE THE VALIDITY AND AMOUNTS OF CLAIMS OF AMERICAN NATIONALS AGAINST THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC FOR LOSSES ARISING FROM THE NATIONALIZATION, EXPROPRIATION, OR OTHER TAKING OF AMERICAN PROPERTY. IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE MANDATE OF THE CONGRESS AND IN VIEW OF THE FAILURE AND REFUSAL OF THE GDR AUTHORITIES TO FURNISH THE INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTS, THIS OFFICE, BY DRAWING ON LOCALLY

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AVAILABLE DOCUMENTARY AND OTHER INFORMATION AND THE FARR-REACHING COOPERATION OF THE WEST GERMAN AUTHORITIES, FURNISHES THE MATERIAL WHICH IS NOT OTHERWISE OBTAINABLE AND IS INDISPENSABLE TO THE COMMISSION IN ADJUDICATING THE APPROXIMATELY 3,000 CLAIMS WHICH, IT IS EXPECTED, WILL BE FILED BY THE END OF THE FILING PERIOD MAY 17, 1978.

DURATION OF OFFICE

THIS OFFICE WILL HAVE A STRICTLY TEMPORARY LIFE AND WILL CLOSE NO LATER THAN MAY 17, 1981, THE DATE WHEN PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 94-542 THIS PROGRAM MUST BE COMPLETED.

PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS OFFICE IS STAFFED MERELY BY TWO LOCAL EMPLOYEES, WHO ARE SUPERVISED BY THE UNDERSIGNED, AN ATTORNEY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CIVIL DIVISION. THIS IS DUE TO A SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION WHEREBY, AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMISSION, I DEVOTE PART OF MY TIME TO THE SUPERVISION OF THE TWO LOCAL EMPLOYEES AND THE OPERATIONS OF THE OFFICE.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CIVIL DIVISION, MUNICH OFFICE

THE UNDERSIGNED SUPERVISES THE PROSECUTION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CIVIL CASES IN THE COURTS OF PRACTICALLY ALL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND PROVIDES FOR THE DEFENSE OF CLAIMS ASSERTED AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS INSTRUMENTALITIES, AS WELL AS CIVIL SUITS, AND TO A CERTAIN EXTENT CRIMINAL SUITS, BROUGHT AGAINST OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNMENT INVOLVING OFFICIAL ACTS. AT ANY GIVEN TIME IN EXCESS OF 100 SUITS ARE PENDING IN TEN OR MORE COUNTRIES OF WESTERN EUROPE, SOMETIMES IN COUNTRIES OF
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